

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-6-1**

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For Work Week Commencing: June 1, 1999

Business Meeting: June 1, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. N99.5.131 – NRG Industries electricity supplier license application – Discuss/Act on application (6/2/99)
2. D99.5.136 – Wettington Acres Water System – Initial water rate filing (6/2/99)
3. House Bill 128 – To get direction on House Bill 128 (6/2/99)
4. Blanket Exhibit "A" – Discussion and direction on concept of blanket Exhibit "A" 's for PSC and staff (re: protective orders) 6/2/99)
5. N99.5.128 – USWC "generic" protective order renewal and amendment – Discussion, direction, action as necessary on protective order (6/2/99)
6. L-99.4.4-RUL – Operator Service Provider Rules and Rates – Discussion, direction, and action as necessary on amendments (draft) and implementing SB289 (6/2/99)

7. N99.4.84 – USWC “Modifications to Digital Switched Services, Uniform Access Solutions, and Primary Rate Service Tariff” – Discuss and act on filing (6/2/99)
8. N99.4.88 – USWC “Modified Terms and Conditions for Grandfathered Centrex Plus” – Discuss and act on filing (6/2/99)
9. N99.5.118 – USWC “Introduction of Integrated T-1 Service” – Discuss and act on filing (6/2/99)
10. D98.10.223, 227 & D99.1.6 – Clark Fork, Mid-Rivers and Blackfoot’s intraLATA equal access plans – Discuss and act on Clark Fork, Mid-Rivers and Blackfoot’s 1+ equal access plans (6/2/99)
11. Montana Universal Access Program – Quick review of FY99 and request to delay issuing payments for about 2 weeks (waive timeframe in rule) (6/2/99)
12. D99.4.111, 112, 113 – Ronan Tel Petition for Exemption under 251(f)(2) and Arbitration requests of Blackfoot and Montana Wireless – Approve and Agreement between Ronan and BF/MW to suspend process on the arbitrations pending action on the petition. General update on the procedure for the petition, possible other matters (6/2/99)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. US WEST COMMUNICATION - N99.4.47 & N99.5.135 (Bonnie)

On May 19, 1999, U S West Communications, Inc. filed Tariff Transmittal 99-AC03, a (N99.5.135) to replace the filing previously made under N99.4.47, which USW requests be withdrawn. N99.5.135 deletes tariff revisions to the maintenance of Service Rates, Section 12 of the Montana Access Tariff. Proposed tariff revisions, previously noticed, to grandfather Multiple Point of Tandem Sectorization (MPTS), Sections 6 and 106 of the Montana Access Tariff are ready for Commission action. Grandfathering MPTS affects only two Montana customers who USW states have no problem with the grandfathering.

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1. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket No. N99.5.134 (Dave)

On May 19, 1999, US West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 99-31, Individual Case Basis (ICB) Pricing for Guaranteed Rate Calling Connection Plan. US West states it is critical to be able to meet large customer needs quickly. By displaying their most competitive prices in a price list, readily accessible to competitors, US West feels it puts them at a great disadvantage. Qualifying customers are to be offered rates above cost, service will remain available for resale and all current contracts are to remain in effect

2. US WEST COMMUNICAITONS DOCKET NO. N99.5.137 (Eric)

On May 21, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-32 for approval of its proposed "Summer '99 Additional Line Promotion" which is to run from June 28th through August 7th, 1999. During the promotional period residential customers will receive a \$15.00 credit for each additional line purchased up to two per customer location. This will also be available to customers ordering new service.

3. WETTINGTON ACRES WATER SYSTEM D99.5.136 (Leroy)

On May 19, 1999, Wayne E. Turner and Peggy B. Turner, owners, filed for approval of the initial rates and charges for Wettington Acres Water System. Approved for nine households, the water system is currently servicing five.

4. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS- Docket N99.5.133 (Scott)

On May 19, 1999, U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-30 an Exchange and Network Price List to reduce the price for Business Simple Value Calling Plan intraLATA toll, Section 6.

5. US WEST COMMUNICATION - N99.2.47 (Wendy)

On February 22, 1999, U S West Communications, Inc. filed Tariff Transmittal 99-14, "Restructure ISDN Single Line Service (SLS)." Due to concerns raised regarding the rate increases included with the original filing, U S West filed revised rate pages for this tariff on April 16, 1999. The tariff grandfathers the fully measured option, and converts customers on the measured service with 200-hour allowance to the flat rate option. The flat rate is reduced from \$184 per month to \$74. Rates will increase from \$39 per month to \$59.00 per month for fully measured customers and from \$68 per month to the flat rate of \$74 per month for measured service with 200-hour allowance customers. The tariff adds several optional features, eliminates the non-loop qualified charge, and D-channel packet charges. It modifies the rate stability plans (RSP) to include discounts of up to 100% off the non-recurring charge, and reductions in the monthly rate for contracts up to five years. Terms and conditions regarding installation, addition of lines under contract, and termination liability are also modified.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-6-7

New Filings Received in Past Week

D99.5.136 – Wettington Acres Water System – Filing of initial rates

N99.5.137 – USWC – Tariff 99-32 Summer '99 additional lines promo

N99.5.138 – AT&T – Tariff 99-12 reduces intrastate rate for ACC business service